

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In October 2005, the EMS Bureau contracted for the development and implementation of a statewide trauma registry in compliance with Idaho Code §57-2003. The purpose of the registry is to collect data needed to analyze the incidence, severity, causes, costs and outcomes of trauma in Idaho in order to improve emergency medical systems and to prevent serious injuries. Injuries are the leading cause of death for Idahoans aged one to 44 years, and among the leading causes of death for Idahoans overall. According to preliminary data from the registry, motor vehicle collisions are the second leading cause of traumatic injuries in Idaho. Only 29 percent of traumatic injuries are covered by private insurance, about one-third were covered by government insurance, and an additional 22 percent were reported as self-pay. The registry has been funded through the Bureau of Emergency Services (EMS). EMS funding for the Idaho Trauma Registry has been discontinued. The proposed legislation increases the Emergency Medical Services fee portion of the motor vehicle registration fees by thirty cents and dedicates that amount to the operation of the Idaho Trauma Registry.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no impact on the general fund as fees approximating \$470,000 based on 2008 vehicle registrations would go into the Emergency Medical Services Fund established in section 56-1018, Idaho Code.

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